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Instead, the stuff that was making cleanup workers sick was a toxic cocktail of oil droplets in mist they inhaled from spraying the shoreline with hot water and chemicals that were used to disperse the spill's massive black wave.

Now Savage wants today's workers to be aware of similar risks they might face in cleaning up the even bigger BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

Savage, who wrote a book, "Silence in the Sound," about the Exxon Valdez cleanup, recounts those risks as she sits in the upstairs "Alaska Room" of the North Las Vegas home where she now lives with her son and daughter-in-law.

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Savage's personal experience is that the ill effects have lingered for years.

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During that time she has had severe pain in her joints and underwent a biopsy for a spot on her liver.

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While pain pills and other medications didn't work for her problems, Savage researched some natural remedies.

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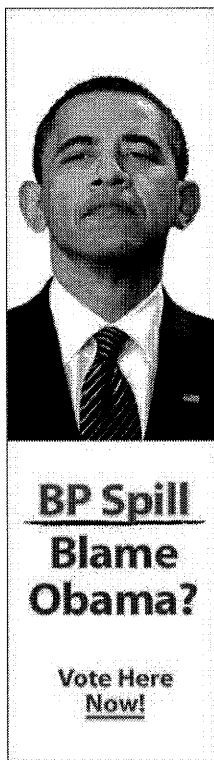
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June 1, 2010 at 12:03 pm

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June 2, 2010 at 7:43 pm

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Cindy Francine Bruno

June 2, 2010 at 8:13 pm

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June 2, 2010 at 8:14 pm

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Barbara Wertz

June 2, 2010 at 9:03 pm

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Ann Philip

June 16, 2010 at 3:42 am

Planetresource.net has a Eco friendly solution to clean up the tragedy British Petroleum has created, please watch the video animation:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=60bdQQQ3iVw> and pass this along to as many people as you know.

One person can still make a difference in this world, is that simple interactions have a rippling effect. Each time this gets pass along, the hope in cleaning our planet is passed on.

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Pamela Marie Bayly

June 25, 2010 at 7:48 pm

Exxon Valdez foreman: 'Oil is 1,000 times more toxic than we thought' #oilspill  
<http://bit.ly/9jCsUd>

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Seraphim Marcopoulos

June 27, 2010 at 10:28 am

RT @mparent77772: Exxon Valdez foreman: 'Oil is 1,000 times more toxic than we thought'  
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karl knox

June 27, 2010 at 10:30 am

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Michael

June 27, 2010 at 10:31 am

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<http://bit.ly/aQJJ3n>

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John Fekner

June 27, 2010 at 10:33 am

#Oil is 1,000 times more #toxic than we thought' <http://bit.ly/axxDWB> #oilspill #Bp #Exxon ♪  
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Law Abiding Citizen

June 27, 2010 at 10:34 am

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Skullguard

June 27, 2010 at 10:37 am

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Joseph A. Gallant

June 27, 2010 at 10:38 am

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Skullguard

June 27, 2010 at 10:39 am

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Lis Duarte

June 27, 2010 at 10:43 am

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Fran Lawrence

June 27, 2010 at 12:36 pm

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Green For You

June 27, 2010 at 2:20 pm

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Linda Leavitt

June 27, 2010 at 2:26 pm

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J. Singleton

June 27, 2010 at 2:26 pm

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psyGalaxy

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david o'brien

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soupermom

June 27, 2010 at 3:35 pm

savetheusa

June 27, 2010 at 3:44 pm

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Pseudo Switch

June 27, 2010 at 4:45 pm

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Cindy Francine Bruno

June 27, 2010 at 6:21 pm

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Len Abbazia

June 27, 2010 at 6:30 pm

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Marijine

June 27, 2010 at 6:38 pm

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mdlr

June 27, 2010 at 6:44 pm

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Diane Neff

June 27, 2010 at 7:01 pm

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Kristin Swanson

June 27, 2010 at 7:05 pm

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Daniel Dessinger

June 27, 2010 at 10:38 pm

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vivian chan

June 27, 2010 at 10:45 pm

Exxon Valdez foreman: "Oil is 1,000 times more toxic than we thought". Impact on cleanup crews. <http://ow.ly/1qEb4R> (via @greenforyou)

SteveScott

June 28, 2010 at 12:03 am

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Carmen

June 28, 2010 at 12:26 am

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Moritz Bartl

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